





## Fred Allison

1882-1974




The following account concerns the life of my father, Fred Allison, and his family. My intent is to provide our children and descendants with a partial understanding of Allison forbears which otherwise might be lost with the passage of time. Unfortunately, there are few organized sources of data from which to draw firm fact. As a result, little alternative remains but to rely heavily on my own memory. At the time of this writing, my sister Elizabeth Harriet Allison Corr, well into her 91<sup>st</sup>, year is not able to provide historical specifics that would add greatly to the value of this compendium. Now, just into my 86<sup>th</sup> year, no one else survives from our generation to supply missing information. Despite such a substantial deficiency, a meaningful summary will be attempted for anyone interested in learning about the family and Fred Allison in particular.



My parents, Elizabeth Harriet Kelly and Fred Allison, grew up in the latter part of the 19th century in Washington County of the southwestern portion of the state of Virginia. Fred Allison, my father, born July 4, 1882, was the son of Robert Clark Allison and Rebecca Jane Clark of Glade Spring, Virginia.

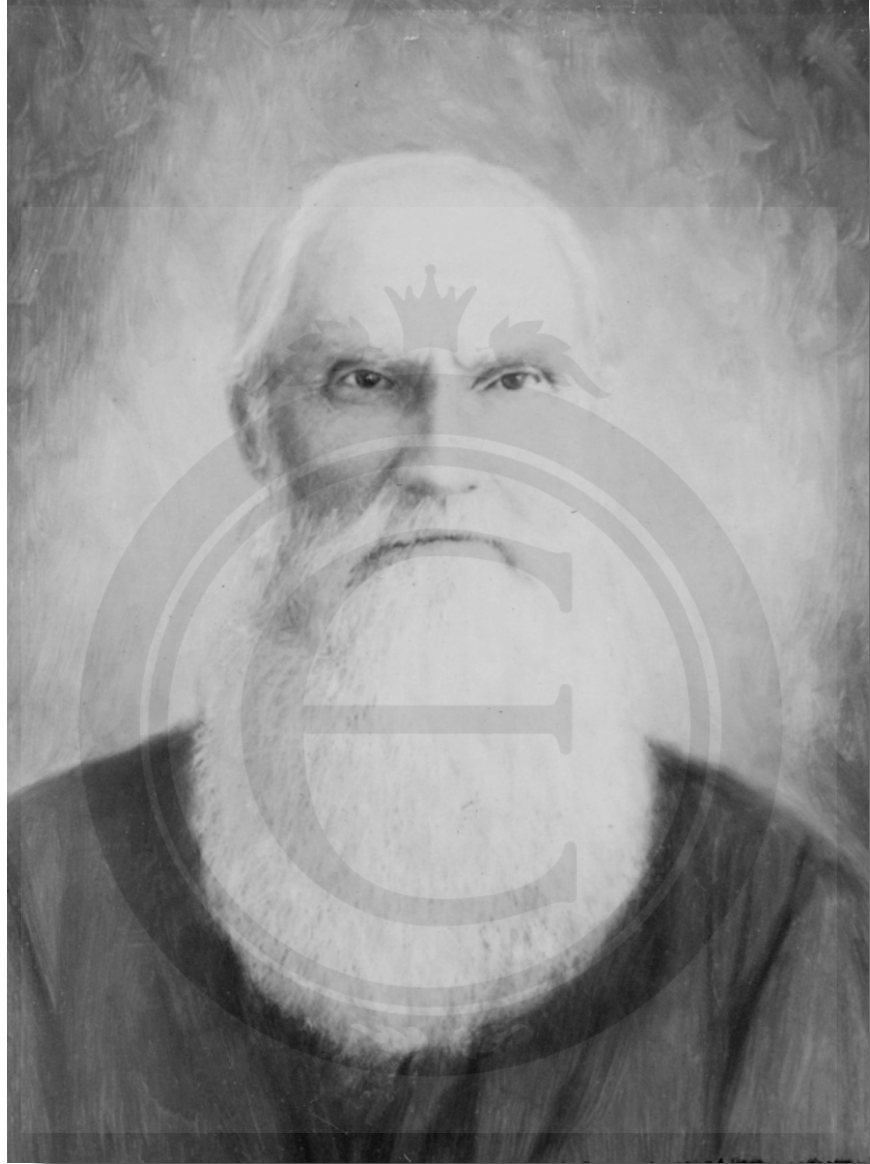
So far as I know, Robert and Rebecca Jane were not related because she originated from Wythe County, Virginia near the hamlet of Max Meadows. Her mother, Margaret Rains, married to Andrew



Jackson Clark, lived in the rural community known locally as Clark Summit. Whereas, Robert's family migrated into Washington County from North Carolina much earlier, i.e., the late 1700's. (Some of this information may be found in the genealogy of the Allison family contained in the appendix at the conclusion of this account.)

Little or no information survives concerning those early generations of Allisons in Washington County although almost surely they cleared forested land and farmed in the vicinity of Meadowview and Glade Spring, Virginia. Several moved on to Logan County Kentucky while others migrated to the far west. A distant, elderly cousin, Will Allison, once visited our home in Auburn, Alabama from California where he cultivated a citrus fruit and walnut spread. For several seasons thereafter, he sent my parents a highly prized Christmas present that consisted of oranges, cumquats, lemons, grapefruit and walnuts.

Years ago, as a child, I remember a log cabin that sat in the middle of a green pasture on a gentle hillside property just north of Glade Spring. I recall it as a dwelling of Allison forebears but, in reality, it may have been something else. Later, a cousin whose name was Irene Allison Keller, showed my father and me a photograph of a similar log cottage she and her sisters built near their family home in Glade Spring. Originally from Glade Spring, Irene Keller lived in North Carolina. She left no children, nor did her sisters. As described in the following paragraphs, the structure I see in my mind must have been hers. I have lost all contact with



Later Years, Robert Clark Allison

